

INSPECTION RECORD SHEET

Inspector's Names: *****

Place / Activity Inspected: Little Sparrows, Saltway Centre

Date: Saturday 16th April 2016

Staff

Treat everyone equally



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Listen to young people



Firm but fun



Friendly



Polite



Encouraging



Helpful



Our Thoughts:

The staff made us as inspectors feel extremely welcome. They were happy to explain to us what the group was about and what activities were on offer to the children attending the group, and they answered all our questions.

The staff seemed to really know the children that they work with well, for example, one of the children started to cry when the group went outside, saying that he wanted to stay inside. The staff explained to us that the child did not like the change of activities and always cried BUT when he got outside it was clear to see that he was really happy and he was joining in with all the outside activities that were on offer.

Staff were encouraging of the children and used positive praise, however, the staff did not force the children to do any of the activities if they did not want to do them. It felt like the children had a choice

and that they were being listened to by the staff.

Score out of 35 = 33 ½

Fun

Fun activities	★	★	★	★ ½	★
Everyone is welcome	★	★	★	★	★
Everyone is happy	★	★	★	★	★
No bullying (we did not witness anything so are not giving a score for this)	★	★	★	★	★
Everyone is joining in	★	★	★	★ ½	★

Our Thoughts:

A really varied and good choice of activities for all the children. The staff came up with activity suggestions if the children did not know what to do.

The children are closely supervised and we did not see any incidents of the children not getting along with one another.

Everyone was joining in with something during the time we were in the group but not everyone did all of the activities on offer. The children had a choice about what they wanted to do and were not forced to do an activity if they did not want to do it.

The children all looked like they were having a good time and seemed to really like the activities they were doing. We asked two of the children if they liked coming to this group and they both said yes they did.

Score out of 20 = 19

The two young people who carried out this inspection were both wheelchair users (one electronic and one manual) therefore they were specifically looking at the accessibility from a wheelchair user's point of view

Accessible					
Good Accessibility (ramps, wide doors, lifts, on one level)	★	★	★	★	★
Good clear signs	★	★	★	★	★
Everyone can take part	★	★	★	★	★
Transport for everyone (We did not specifically ask about this during the inspection so have not given a score)	★	★	★	★	★
Car park close by	★	★	★	★	★
Good opening hours	★	★	★	★	★
Cost	★	★	★	★	★

Our Thoughts:

There were small lips on all the external doors, I found it difficult to push myself over the lip and had to have someone help me in and out of the building (in my manual chair).

From the group room to outside there are quite a lot of doors and these all had to be held open for us.

As a stranger to the building, it was quite confusing moving from one room to the other as there were no clear signs as to what rooms were for and how you could get to the outside space.

From the group room the disabled toilet is through a coded door, so a member of staff has to wait for you while you are using the toilet to enable you to get back into the group room again (taking that staff member away from the group). Even though I can independently use the toilet facilities I needed a staff member to wait outside, which lost me my sense of independence.

We understand that it is important to keep to a budget and that there is only so much money to go around BUT it would be brilliant if this group could be more often. We think the timing and the length of the group is great because it gives 4 hours respite for the families and 4 hours of fun for the children participating.

We think the payment contribution that families make towards this project is fair.

Score out of 30 = 24

Safety and Surroundings

Everything works



Lots of space to move around



Safe activities



Our Thoughts:

We noticed that in the group room there were open electrical sockets with no protectors in them, we were concerned that the young children may be able to stick things into them.

There were toy cars all over the floor in the seating area and these could be a slipping hazard, or they could get caught in the wheels of wheelchairs.

The layout of the main table and chairs in the centre of the room does make it restrictive for wheelchairs to move freely around the room.

We noticed that in the outside space it is possible to get from the rear play area into the front car park, so it is not secure. This could be dangerous, for example, if a child was using the go-carts or scooters independently they could get away from the workers and get hit by vehicles using the car park.

Amazing equipment on offer, especially the outside bikes and play park equipment which can be used by wheelchair users and makes it really inclusive for all children to use.

Recommendation - We did notice however that there was only one very small scooter with 3 wheels (suitable for a child aged under 4) and the only other scooters were 2 wheeled. It might be a good idea to get a few 3 wheeled scooters for older children as in this group there were a couple of the children who wanted to go on scooters but could not manage the 2 wheeled ones (due to co-ordination problems) and the only 3 wheeled scooter was too small.

Score out of 15 = 11

Overall Comments

We really enjoyed this experience, the staff and the children were all extremely welcoming and happy for us to join in the group with them.

We loved the variety of activities on offer and liked the fact that the children had a choice about what activities they joined in with; they were not forced to do something that they did not want to do.

The staff were really encouraging of the children and the children all appeared to be having a lovely time. The staff were not afraid to get involved with all the activities and this encouraged the children to do so also. We felt the children were well supported in this group.